

I find Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air the anti-Kerry documentary, "Stolen Honor," just days before the election a terrible example of the dangers of giant media consolidation.

Since they, Sinclair Corp., use the public airwaves for free, they should, by law, serve the public interest. But instead, when large companies control the airwaves, the public get more of what's good for their financial interests and far less of what we need for our democracy. We need to see the issues that affect us in our own communities, rather than a news segment produced far away in a central location, intended to touch only superficially on the interests of the country as a whole.

We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them, as Sinclair's blatant partisan actions show. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve far more than the return of a postcard. Please work to ensure that the public are not abused by corporate interests.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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